PUBLIC WORKS SECRETARIAT.

Supply of Electric Power to small power consumers up to and including 20 H. P. Installations.

READ—

1. G. O. No. E. D. S. 872-8—27-P., dated the 31st May 1921, sanctioning the revision of rates for the supply of electric power.

2. Address presented by the Chamber of Commerce at the Dasara Representative Assembly of 1922, *re* abnormal rise in electric power rates for industrial purposes and the reply of Government thereon.

3. Chief Electrical Engineer's letter No. 4792, dated the 27th January 1925, and Public Works Secretary's Note No. D. 930, dated 13th March 1925, submitting recommendations on the subject.

ORDER No. E. D. S. 3358-62, DATED 6TH MAY 1925.

From the particulars furnished by the Chief Electrical Engineer, it is seen that the schedule rates in force at present are already low and favourable to the consumers considering the load factor at which they are working. The general question of reduction of rates can be considered only when all the power consumers are able to work at better load factors.

2. However, with a view to encourage the development of small industries, Government are prepared to propose a small reduction in the case of small consumers. Accordingly, after careful consideration of the requirements of the case, they are pleased to direct that a rate of $1\frac{3}{4}$ annas per B. O. T. U. be charged to small power consumers up to and inculding 20 H. P. Installations instead of annas 2 as at present.

3. The above reduction of $\frac{1}{4}$ of an anna would result in a loss of revenue to Government to the extent of Rs. 11,000 per annum. But, Government expect that the loss in revenue will be made up by small power consumers taking advantage of the reduction in rates and using proportionately more power.

4. The reduction referred to above will be given effect to from the bills for power consumption in June 1925 payable in July next.

5. The Chief Electrical Engineer is requested to suitably modify the existing schedule of rates.

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